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In late March Stokely Carmichael, formerly of the Student Non-Violent (now National) Coordinating Committee and the Black Panther Party, returned to the U.S. from a self-imposed exile in Guinea, where he studied under deposed Ghanaian dictator Kwame Nkrumah. Carmichael, who is now expected to assert a claim to leadership in "the movement," explained his theory that white racists, probably policemen, had planted a bomb in the car of Ralph Featherstone in Maryland, and they deliberately used radio transmitters in the vicinity to explode the device. Carmichael's theory, supported by no evidence and based on doubtful techniques, received nationwide publicity.

- **ROBERT F. WILLIAMS TALKS:** A North Carolina Negro extremist who fled the country nine years ago has been cooperating with government security agencies since his return last September, COMBAT learns. He is Robert F. Williams, at one time regarded as one of the country's most dangerous black militants (COMBAT, Oct. 15, 1969). Williams, COMBAT learns reliably, has given his complete cooperation to the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Agents are satisfied that Williams has accurately related his experiences in Cuba, Red China and black Africa, and if he has held anything back it has only been through a lapse of memory. Williams is reported to have known intimate details of Castro's support of the "black liberation movement" and of white radicals in this country. He was respected sufficiently in Red China that Mao's printers ran off and distributed copies of his highly-inflammatory The Crusader.

Williams has been back in the United States for six months, has been de-briefed by the CIA and the FBI, and released for examination by Congress. Williams has testified in secret before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee.

* * * Rolling Stone, magazine of the Rock Generation, is going all-out political. It's running a 25,000 word report on the Chicago conspiracy trial, by Gene Marine. Marine, a former Ramparts editor, has a long history of leftist activities in Berkeley and New York, was a conscientious objector during the Korean War (although a U.S. Marine during World War II). * * * Promoters scheduled a huge Central Park rally in NYC last week-end to whip up support (and \$\$\$) for the Chicago conspiracy seven. Press releases touted the rally, with attendance predicted at 100,000. Only 30 persons showed up. * * *